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EDITORIAL

There's a lot going on in our community and you can read all about it in our October issue. Shankill Health Centre is continuing to run monthly patient information sessions on a variety of topics. They are open to all. More details on this page. The monthly book sale in Shankill is a great place to find a good read. Don't forget about the Classical Music Club's meetings and Rathmichael Historical Society's talks which take place every month. Also happening is a Harvest Market in Crinken on Saturday, October 18; more information about it on page 4 of SCAN.

As you know advertising revenue is our lifeline. It gives us an income so we can continue producing and printing a high quality publication. We are always looking at ways we can improve and to this end, we recently submitted an application to the MACE Community Grants scheme. If successful, we want to develop a plan to increase distribution of SCAN to the new housing developments in our area and have a web version of the magazine available online.

LISTENING EAR - SUPPORT NETWORK FOR SEPARATED AND DIVORCED PEOPLE

The Network is open to persons of any faith and none. Meetings take place on the 2nd Tuesday of every month from 7.30 - 9p.m. in the Resource Centre.

You are welcome to contact **087 3646067** or email ***listeningear14@gmail.com*** and a supportive compassionate person in the network will respond and together you can discuss how we can be of help to you.

Complete confidentiality is guaranteed and everyone will be warm and friendly.

AA MEETINGS SHANKILL

Alcoholics Anonymous hosts meetings in Crinken Church Parish Hall every Monday at 8.30 p.m. and in St. Anne's Community Centre (beside St. Anne's Church) every Sunday at 8.30 pm. Doors open around 8.15 pm.

A welcome awaits you.

BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

St. Anne's Resource Centre Shankill

If you are grieving the loss of someone special or have had a loss of any kind and would like to talk to someone, Bethany Bereavement offer free support to adults, with sympathy and compassion in confidence.

We have a drop-in service on the first Friday of each month at 10.30 am or if you prefer, we can meet with you in person. Just call the **01 282 2704** to arrange.

SVP SHANKILL CONFERENCE

Do you need our help?
You can call us directly at 087-696 2785. Alternately, call **01 855 0022** or go online at ***www.svp.ie.***

SHANKILL DAY CARE CENTRE BOOK SALE

The next book sale will be held on Saturday 4th October and the following one on Saturday November 1st. Venue: Shankill Day Care Centre, Lower Road, Shankill.

Donations of books in good condition are welcome on the day (limited to two bags per person). All proceeds go to support the Centre's programmes and services.

CLASSICAL MUSIC CLUB

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at the Shankill Seniors Centre (SOFA), Lower Road, Shankill. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th October and the November meeting will be on Wednesday 12th. Venue: Shankill Day Care Centre, Lower Road, Shankill. Time 7.45 p.m.
Come along and enjoy some lovely music and a cuppa and chat.

SHANKILL HEALTH CENTRE

Following on from our successful Monthly Patient Information Sessions in Shankill Health Centre; we are continuing for the remainder of the year with the topics below. All welcome to attend:

7/10/2025	Community Nursing - Service Pathways and Q&A
4/11/2025	Exercise to Thrive in the Golden Years (Bring your Trainers) - Dr John Langan
2/12/2025	Dietician - Reversing Frailty

Venue: Shankill Health Centre, Lower Road, Shankill, D18 DW08
Time: 13:00 to 13:45

SHANKILL LIBRARY

Due to essential improvement works in Shankill Library, there will be disruption to some of our services. Some regular events are postponed. We aim to remain open and provide our core services.

Please check our website for regular updates:
https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/

We received this note to SCAN from Emer and Anne recently.

"Thank you to everyone who supported our crafty card making coffee morning and workshop. It raised €800 for the Samaritans. A special thanks to Bradys of Shankill and Windyridge Garden Centre".

Kindness of Shankill People

by Trevor Orr

I would like to share the example of great kindness I received recently from three people on Shankill beach at the bottom of Corbawn Lane. As the high tide prevented our family from using the sloping pathway, we had to clamber over the large boulders to the right of the pathway. I was holding the hand of my 2-year-old grandson to reach the beach while, at the same time, carrying a large beach bag. Suddenly my insulin pen, which I always carry with me to control my Type 1 diabetes, slipped out of my pocket and fell into a deep crevice between the boulders. I could see the pen but neither my wife nor I could get anywhere near it when we stretched our arms into the crevice - a disastrous situation! A lady with several dogs then passed and, with her strong dog lead, helped us move a small boulder to widen the gap between the boulders to provide greater access. However, even with this wider opening, we were still unable to reach anywhere near the pen. Then a tall man, who turned out to be an electrician, offered to help, saying getting into tight corners was part of his job. So, he put his head and shoulders into the gap, but even with his long arms and stretching as far as his body would fit into the gap, he could not quite reach the pen. Next a young girl tried. She lent far into the gap but still could not reach the pen as she was not tall enough. Then the lady with the dogs volunteered to try. She put her head shoulders and upper torso all into the gap, with us holding her legs, and, hey presto, managed to recover the pen. How relieved I was and how grateful for this helpfulness and perseverance from strangers. It is my great pleasure to report such kindness from Shankill people. We are so fortunate where we live.

FINE GAEL

OCTOBER 2025
SAVE THE DATES

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
		8	9	10	11	12
		15			18	19
	21	22				26
27	28	29	30			

7th October
BUDGET 2026
If you have any questions about how Budget 2026 impacts you, do get in touch with my office.

Last day to Register to Vote for Presidential Election. Check out ***voter.ie*** for more information.

24th October
PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION POLLING DAY
Heather
FOR PRESIDENT

25th October
FALL BACK
Clocks go back by 1 hour ie at 2am it will change back to 1am.

31st October
HAPPY HALLOWEEN
Shankill!

Jennifer CARROLL MacNEILL

SCAN ME

Minister for Health

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Your Fine Gael Team in Dún Laoghaire: Minister Jennifer Carroll MacNeill TD, Deputy Barry Ward and Regina Doherty MEP
Killiney Shankill: Cllr. Jacqueline Burke, Cllr. Jim Gildea and Cllr. Frank McNamara

CLG na Seanchille

A Time to Relax
After a tremendous struggle our Ladies team triumphed in the Sheild final. Trailing by a couple of points throughout the match some well taken goals near the end saw our girls secure a great win. The never say die attitude of our young team bodes very well for the future. A well-earned rest well deserved. A special thank you the huge crowd of supporters who turned out in the Cliffs. New players are always welcome.

Passage to the West
Once again, our club travelled to Passage West to the country wide football blitz for 2013 to 2016 girl's teams. This was our largest tour group ever with almost 50 players and 15 coaches. Everyone had a great time and represented our club and Shankill with distinction all weekend.

Golf Classic
Our Golf Classic, rain delayed from June, went ahead in early September at Woodbrook Golf Club. Thankfully we got a brilliant sunny day. A huge thanks to all of the Teams, Tee Box sponsors and John Brady the main sponsor. Grainne O Rourke's team were the winners so well done to them. We all retired to Brady's for some food, a raffle and Craic. Many thanks to our organising committee for a brilliant event.

Rathmichael Fete
Two young players joined us on our stall for another great day at the Fete where we had great fun talking to the attendance and answering any questions about our club. Several boxes of sweets disappeared in no time at all. Looking forward to next year.

The Boys Rearing to Go. Minor team Under 13 team and "Mama told me there'd be days like this"

The Academy
Reminder, as Stonebridge Road is been refurbished, the Academy has moved to the green space at the Dart Station. The time is 10,00am to 11.00am on Saturday mornings. Give it a try just pop down and say hello.

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Shankill FC Halloween Sponsored Walk
Join us this Friday, October 31st at 3pm in Shanganagh Park for our Halloween Sponsored Walk.
Fancy dress encouraged Tricks & Treats
Face Painting, Spot prizes. All welcome.

This event is in aid of our Clubhouse Development, helping us grow and support our football community. Can't make the walk? You can still support us by making a donation via the QR Code attached or the GoFundMe link: ***https://gofund.me/b0061817f***

Let's make it a spooky, fun-filled day while supporting the future of Shankill FC!

Our Under 11.2 Sunday team had an unforgettable team building day at Hidden Valley, filled with laughter, excitement, and plenty of splashes. From racing down slides in pairs to working together on floating obstacle courses, every activity encouraged teamwork and communication. They cheered each other on and learned the value of helping and supporting one another. By the end of the day, the kids not only left with sun-kissed smiles but also with stronger bonds and lasting friendships.

PLAYERS
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For opportunities on all our boys & girls' teams from U7 to U19 and academies:

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Shankill Bowling Club

by Jack Byrne P.R.O.

AUTUMN BOWLS

At Shankill bowling club on Quinn's Rd there is ample provision for shortmat bowling within our indoor function hall/ clubhouse. We cater for three shortmat rinks on which are played games for social purposes and various indoor specific league fixtures which the club enters during the winter season in Dublin and Wicklow. Present membership fees cover both indoor and outdoor bowling should one wish to play both. We are open for new membership always. Those interested are very welcome to please visit our premises adjacent to tennis club on Quinn's Rd for more information or visit our website at shankillbowlingclub.ie.

Our internal competitions are now complete. The hunt for league honours was hindered somewhat this season mainly due to the introduction of new members into competing teams in Division 2 on Saturdays. Although all showed great promise it usually takes a wee bit more preparation to compete with seasoned teams.

Nevertheless, noting the progress of most of our new members we can be quite sure in the seasons to follow that Shankill Bowling Club will be a force to be reckoned with in all divisions going forward. However other teams are showing favourable positions within their particular leagues including Division 2 on Wednesdays, Division 4 Vets, and Division 6 Vets. They are possibly all in with some chance of honours come late September.

One favourable thing within most clubs nowadays is an active social section, usually managed by a separate committee and Shankill Bowling Club is no different. These committees are responsible for organising social events such as annual Christmas parties, BBQ evenings at the club, away weekends, friendly day trips to other clubs, and so on. An event held just recently involved a group of members visiting Shelbourne Dog Racing night where all concerned had a very enjoyable time.

As our Summer season has come to an end, thoughts have turned to more bowling competitions. Preparations have been made to organise teams wishing to partake in ILB's Winter league programme. This becomes more difficult for those clubs whose only surface is grass. These clubs need to have an arrangement with a club whose surface is synthetic and is willing to accommodate them for an agreed fee. As we have a synthetic surface, we can provide a temporary home venue for such clubs participating in the Winter leagues, thus extending their members playing time from 7 months to 12. To a serious highly competitive bowler this is what matters a lot and the arrangement works well for all.

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Shankill Valeview Shanganagh Football Club (SVS FC)

by Jay Mahony

Welcome back, Hopefully everyone had a great summer break, Firstly, thank you to each and every person who came out to support the lads. It doesn't go unnoticed. Also, a massive thank you to all our sponsors from last year. Without your support, the club doesn't function - it's as simple as that.

Finally, thank you to all volunteers, committee members, management, and players for their hard work and commitment last season, which inevitably resulted in a successful year.

This season we made the decision to move both teams to Saturday football, something that has already shown its benefits. The first team will play in Major 1B following winning the league last year. They are still under the guidance of Keith, Japo, and Mark. The second team will now play in Division 3 Saturday, following their switch from Sunday, with Dean McCluskey joining the management team alongside Wayne Morris and Andy Morris.

Just a quick mention about Deano, who officially hung up the boots after last season following many years playing for both Shanganagh Cliffs and SVS. He was an important part of both clubs and their successes over the years. The club would like to thank him for his massive commitment towards the club week in, week out, and his experience will be a great addition to a young side.

We had our end- of-season awards night in June. A massive thank you again to John and Emma in Brady's for looking after us on the night.

The winners were as follows:
- Saturday Major 1C League Winners
- Saturday Players Player of the Year - Jay Dunne
- Saturday Managers Player of the Year - Luke Moore
- Sunday Players Player of the Year - Eoin Kelly
- Sunday Managers Player of the Year - Ste Doran
- Club Top Goalscorer - Jay Dunne
- Players Special Merit Award - Ryan Brady
- Pat Cooney Club Man of the Year - Eugene O'Rourke
- Club Lifetime Achievement Award - Eugene O'Rourke

Well done to all the well-deserved winners.

Both sides have had a good start to the season, with the Major 1B side continuing on from last year. With the addition of 2 or 3 quality players, they are getting better and better. They are currently unbeaten (at the time of writing)

P4 W3 D1 L0 GF13 Pts10.
Goalscorers: Jack Moran 4, Paul Walsh 3, Dave Baker 2, Jay Dunne 2 and Cian McGoldrick 1.

The Saturday Division 3 side has started the season exceptionally well, if not reflected in the results, but definitely in the performances. This is a completely new team. They also had to deal with administrative issues for their first 2 games in which they were missing some key players. With that now all sorted, we expect them to have a very successful year this year.

P3 W0 D2 L1 GF5 Pts2
Goalscorers: Bren Stapleton 2, Charlie Brophy 2, Callum McGrane 1

There have been many comings and goings over the summer, with a significant turnover of players for both teams, too many to mention by name.

However, some significant departures were Dean McCormack, Dean McCluskey, Jack Dunne, Luke Moore, Luc Myler, and Matthew Reynolds.

All of the above have been with the club for many years, and we would like to thank them for their commitment and hard work throughout their time with the club. We would also like to wish them the best of luck in the future and hope to see them at a few games this year.

Give our social media pages a follow to keep up to date with games and news about the club and we hope to see as many of you as possible supporting the lads on both teams this season.

Shankill TidyTowns

Glanbhaile Seanchill

Coming Soon...

Shankill Pet Poster Project

An Interesting Link with Shankill in Belfast

In a memorable scene in *The Derry Girls*, a mixed group of children are asked what Catholics and Protestants have in common but all responses are differences.

One thing that many people have in common is pets and now Shankill, County Dublin has an opportunity to duplicate a project in its northern namesake focussing on pet photographs.

Shankill Tidy Towns are delighted to assist bring the project to Shankill. Residents were invited to submit photographs of their pets and these will be displayed at a number of locations throughout the community.

Watch out for Pet Photos in Shankill soon!

Shankill Tidy Towns Community Walks

Bank Holiday Monday, 27th October 2025
11.30am
St. Anne's Church

A Shankill Saunter

Led by Rob Goodbody

SuperValu TidyTowns

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Shankill Tidy Towns

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FINANCE CORNER

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The deadline for making an AVC contribution against income earned in 2024 is 31st October 2025 (or 19th November if you file a tax return online). For more information contact your local financial advisor.

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Shankill Tennis Club

Shankill Tennis Club (STC), already nationally recognised as one of Ireland's leading clubs in making tennis accessible to players with disabilities. The club has officially launched a Parastanding Tennis programme, opening the game to players with physical disabilities who do not use a wheelchair. This growing category includes individuals with cerebral palsy, limb impairments, amputees, and people of short stature. The launch event was a proud moment for the club, officiated by Councillor Jim Gildea, Cathaoirleach of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and the very first chairperson of STC, alongside Carol Beamish, the club's current chair. Their joint presence symbolised the club's strong tradition of inclusion and community service.

The new group has already started a ten-week coaching programme, funded by Tennis Ireland, with sessions taking place at the club every Sunday morning. STC has a long-standing reputation for inclusivity, having first opened its courts to players with disabilities back in 2006. Today, the club proudly hosts players who are blind or visually impaired, wheelchair users, and participants from St Joseph's and Festina Lente.

Local residents are warmly invited to visit the club any Sunday to witness the inspiring action for themselves Parastanding Tennis and the Blind & Visually Impaired Tennis takes place on Sundays from 9:00am to 12:00pm There's also a call for volunteers. If you'd like to support the coaching team working with these incredible players, please reach out to Veronica at shankilltc@gmail.com. STC continues to welcome new members from across the community so always feel welcome to check out the amazing facilities.

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Local History Society Lectures

by James Scannell

Dublin Festival of History
This runs from September 26th to October 12th with 250+ events taking place. For tickets and event information go to: ***dublinfestivalofhistory.ie.***

The Old Dublin Society
Las Fallon will present ***'The Great Whiskey Fire of 1885'*** on Wednesday October 1st and Dr. Angela Byrne ***'The Irish (including Dubliners) in Imperial Russia'*** on Wednesday October 22nd. Both take place at 6 p.m. in the Conference Room of Dublin City Library & Archive, 139-144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. All are welcome - admission is free and no booking is required. Joan Kavanagh will present ***'The Grangegorman Penitentiary – The Transportation Story'*** at 6 p.m. on Thursday October 8th in The Dublin Central Library, Ilac Centre, Henry Street, Dublin 1. Admission is free but booking is required. ***https://dublincity.spydus.ie/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/ENQ/WPAC/EVSESENQ?SETLVL=&RNI=19565496***

Mount Merrion Historical Society
Pat Wallace will present ***'Wood Quay'*** at 8 p.m. on Thursday October 2nd in the Fitzwilliam Rooms, Mount Merrion Community Centre, Mount Merrion, Co. Dublin. Admission is €5/Students €2.

The Edward Worth Library
Dr. Brendan Twomey will present ***'From Office-holding to Civil Service: managing the nation's finances in eighteenth-century Ireland'*** Thursday October 9th and Professor Pierce Grace ***'Medicine in medieval Ireland, 1200-1650'*** on Wednesday October 29th. Both take place at 3 p.m. in Dr. Steeven's Hospital, Dublin 8. Admission is free but booking is essential via ***info@edwardworthlibrary.ie.***

Kilmacud-Stillorgan Local History Society
Monsignor Ciarán O'Carroll will present ***'The Irish College in Rome'*** at 8 p.m. on Thursday October 9th in St. Lawrence's Parish Centre, Lower Kilmacud Road, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin.
Members are free – visitors are €3. Please note that there is a car parking charge of €1 per hour at this venue – coin payment only.

Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society
Deirdre Nuttall will present ***'A People's History of Dun Laoghaire'*** at 8 p.m. on Wednesday October 15th in the Royal Marine Hotel, Marine Road, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. All are welcome - admission is €5. Free hotel parking is available for those attending this lecture.

Bray Cualann Historical Society
Rob Goodbody will present ***'The Lead Mines of Glendalough and Ballycorus'*** at 8 p.m. on Thursday October 16th in the Royal Hotel, Main Street, Bray, Co. Wicklow. All are welcome – admission is €8 for non-members.

Dublin Bay Old Gaffers Association
Jonathan Wigham will present ***'Lighting the Sea - The John R. Wigham Story'*** at 8 p.m. on Thursday October 16th in the Poolbeg Yacht and Boat Club, Ringsend Road, Dublin 4. All are welcome - donation to the R.N.L.I. at the door.

Foxrock Local History Club
Martin McCarthy will present ***'Local history sources on a local theme'*** at 6.30 p.m. on Monday October 20th in Deansgrange Library, Clonkeen Drive, Deangrange, Dublin 18, Admission is free but booking is required at 01-2047218. Professor Liam Downey will present ***'Cottage Industries in the Rural Economy'*** at 8 p.m. on Tuesday October 21st in Foxrock Parish Pastoral Centre, Foxrock, Co. Dublin. All are welcome - admission is €5 for non-members.

Wicklow County Libraries - Wicklow Town
Rosemary Raughter will present ***'Very like proselytism: the Delgany Children's Home (1890-1905) and the Fanny Christian affair'*** at 7 p.m. on Thursday October 23rd. Admission is free but booking is required as the venue has limited seating capacity – call 0404-67025 or email: ***wicklowlocalstudies@wicklowcoco.ie.***

Rathmines, Ranelagh & Rathgar Historical Society
Séamas Ó Maitiú will recall ***'The IRA bombing of the Masterpiece Cinema, Talbot Street, November 1925; dramatic events in Dublin before and after'*** at 8 p.m. on Thursday October 23rd in Rathmines Town Hall, Rathmines Road, Dublin 6. Members free / visitors €5 – The Swan Car Park Evening Rate is €4 from 7 p.m. to Midnight.

Clondalkin Historical Society
James Scannell will reveal ***'Crime and Punishment in 1800s Dublin'*** at 8 p.m. on Monday October 27th in Áras Chrónáin – Irish Cultural Centre, Watery Lane, Clondalkin, Co. Dublin.
All are welcome – admission is €5.

The Irish Railway Record Society
A. J. Cronin, Delivery Manager Cork Area Commuter, will reveal ***'Cork Area Commuter Rail Developments'*** at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday October 31st in the Society's Dublin Heuston Station premises. Strictly members and their guests only.

Shankill – Looking Back

A Successful Shankill Tenor

In September 1925 Shankill tenor Luke Byrne, who had trained for several years in England and Milan, returned to Ireland to Ireland and made his Irish debut as a soloist in Dublin's Theatre Royal on Saturday October 3rd 1925 and was subsequently invited to perform in the same theatre on Sunday October 18th in a special fundraising concert in aid of the Restoration Fund for the Irish Franciscan College in Louvain.

Rathmichael Historical Society

by Richard Ryan

This year's Summer Lecture Series on the theme of The Boyne Valley, held in the second week of August, was very well attended. Stephen Mandal set the scene in the first lecture by describing the Boyne Valley from a geological point of view and the impact this had on human history over the ages.

In the second lecture we learned a lot about bridge-building (in the literal sense) from Rob Goodbody who delved into the history of the medieval bridges of the Boyne. In particular, his theory about why one part of the magnificent bridge at Slane was built to a different design to the rest was very interesting. His surmise is that this part had been blown up to stop the Williamites crossing the river during the Battle of the Boyne in 1690.

Paul Gosling presented the Leo Swan Memorial Lecture almost as a detective story, describing how he collected the evidence which helped him to identify the Ford of Broe on the Boyne – a fascinating approach.

Shortly before he was to deliver the fourth lecture, Michael Potterton was hospitalized and had to cry off. Luckily, his wife, Michael Ann Bevivino, was able to step in and deliver her own very interesting lecture on The High Crosses of the Boyne Valley: Replicating Ireland's Early Medieval Masterpieces. Unbelievably, on the very same evening, the lecturer for the following evening, Aisling Durcan, became ill and also had to cry off. Many frantic phone calls later, Peter Pearson came to the rescue and presented a lecture with a lot of local interest entitled: Artefacts and Architecture: Wicklow and Dublin. We owe a great debt of gratitude to Michael Ann Bevivino and Peter Pearson who stepped in at really short notice to rescue the lecture series.

The Autumn/Winter lecture programme will be as follows:

- Wednesday, 1st October: *Monasticism in Ireland* by Edel Bhreathnach.
- Wednesday, 5th November: *A Photographic Career in Ruins* by Con Brogan.
- Wednesday, 3rd December: *Rock Art* by Finola Finlay.
- Wednesday, 7th January: *Jacobean Armies* by Harman Murtagh.
- Wednesday, 4th February: *AGM followed by lecture* (title to be decided).

All talks are at 8pm in Rathmichael Historical Society, Stonebridge Road, Shankill, Co. Dublin and are free to paid-up members. Wheel-chair accessible. Non-members are welcome to attend our talks on payment of a €5 entrance fee which includes tea/coffee and biscuits.

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- Áine Ní Dhubhthaigh

Seo an tríú bliain as déis a chéile dom ag filleadh go hAlbain. An chéad bhliain go Steòrnabhagh ar na Hearadh, agus anuraidh agus i mbliana go dtí an t Eilean Sgitheanach. Bhí mé ag foghlaim Gàidhlig na hAlban sa Sabhal Mòr Ostaig ar an oileán. Tá Ionad Cánan is Cultúr na Gàidhlig Ionnaithe sa choláiste sin. Campas Ollscoile atá ann, é tógtha ar imeall na farraige.

Bhí m'iníon liom agus bhí lóistín againn in árasán beag ar an gcampas. Lán lóistín a bhí againn dáiríre mar bhí gach béile againn sa choláiste, bricfeasta ar maidin, lón ag meán lae agus dinnéar ag a sé. Bhí biachlár difriúil gach lá agus seans againn bianna na hAlban a bhlaisiú. Thaithin an taigéis agus an fhiafheoil go mór liom, mar ní bhíonn siad sin agam sa bhaile.

Aon duine dhéag a bhí sa rang, agus an file, léachtóir sa choláiste, Rody Gorman, an múinteoir a bhí againn. Gaeilge a bhí á labhairt againn ar dtús ach de réir a chéile, fuaireamar greim ar Ghàidhlig na hAlban. Daoine ó chúlraí éagsúla muid go léir agus bhíomar uilig líofa sa Ghaeilge.

Bhí triúr Meiriceánach ann. Chuir mise an-suim ins na Meiriceánaigh agus conas mar a tháinig siad chun na Gaeilge. Duine acu ab ea Breandán, a rugadh i Pennsylvania agus a rinne céim in Ollscoil Connecticut. Staraí é, agus chun cuidiú leis sa taighde ar stair na Séú agus na Seachtú aois déag in Éirinn, d' fhoghlaim sé Gaeilge! Tháinig Tomás ó North Carolina, agus bhog sé go hÉirinn nuair a bhí se ocht mbliana fichead d'aois. Thit se í ngrá leis an teanga agus anois is aistritheoir é. Chan sé amhrán sa sean nós, amhrán a d'fhoghlaim sé ó Dhoimhnic Mac Giolla Bhríde ar Oileán Thoraí.

Ach an scéal ba shuimiúla ar fad, ná scéal Shéamais a rugadh agus a tógadh i mBoston. Ní raibh focal Gaeilge ag a thuistí ach ba chainteoir dúchais a sheanathair a tháinig ó Thír Chonaill. Is ón seanathair a fuair an páiste beag a chuid Gaeilge agus anois, tá Séamas mar léachtóir ins na Teangacha Ceilteach sa Bhriotáin.

Le cúnamh Dé, beidh mé ar ais sa Sabhal Mòr Ostaig an bhliain seo chugainn. Idir an dá linn, leanfaidh mé ag foghlaim Gàidhlig ar Duo Lingo, agus beidh mé ag éisteacht le Speak Gallic ar BBC Alba.

Gluais: ***as déis a chéile*** / i ndiaidh a chéile / ***Na Hearadh*** / Harris / ***Steòrnabhagh*** / Stornaway / ***Ionad Cánan is Cultúr na Gàidhlig*** / Centre for Languge and Culture / ***cúlraí éagsúla*** / different backgrounds / ***Staraí*** / duine a scríobhann stair / ***taighde*** / research / ***Idir an dá linn*** / in the meantime / ***biachlár*** / liosta dá bhfuil le fáil le hithe i mbialann / ***taigéis*** / haggis / ***fiafheoil*** / venison / ***Oileán Sgitheanach*** / the Isle of Skye / ***Ionnaithe*** / suite / ***aistritheoir*** / translator / ***sa Bhriotáin*** / in Brittany.

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SHANKILL BALLYBRACK COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS – BUSY SUMMER OF TRAINING, CALLOUTS, AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT

The Shankill Ballybrack Community First Responders (CFR) group has had a particularly active and rewarding few months, balancing callouts, community training, and outreach events.

In August alone, the team attended 40 emergency callouts, bringing the total number of callouts for the year to 254, showing the vital role they play in supporting our local community alongside the National Ambulance Service.

The group has also been heavily involved in training and community engagement, including hosting a training event at Rathmichael Church for fellow local CFR groups, sharing their expertise and building stronger ties between neighbouring teams. They were also delighted to meet the public at the Rathmichael Fête, raising awareness about their work and encouraging more people to learn life-saving skills.

Hands for Life training events were organised at St. Anne's Church, Shankill, and another at The Campus, Cherrywood. Both were hugely popular, with participants gaining confidence in performing CPR and learning how to act in a cardiac emergency. Due to demand, the team will be running another free Hands for Life event at St. Anne's Church on Monday, 21st October 2025. Tickets are available through Ticket Tailor, with links on the group's website and social media channels.

This work is only possible thanks to continued local support and funding. The group wishes to express sincere gratitude to Dún Laoghaire–Rathdown County Council Community Grants and the Local Enhancement Programme 2025. These grants will directly support the maintenance of their life-saving equipment, ensuring that responders are always ready when needed most.

The Shankill Ballybrack CFRs continue to embody the spirit of community care, combining skill, dedication, and volunteerism to make a real difference. Whether through callouts, public training, or partnership with local organisations, their commitment to saving lives remains at the heart of everything they do.

For more information, updates, and links to training event tickets, please visit ***https://shankillcfr.ie*** or follow them on Instagram ***@ShankillBallybrackCFR*** and Facebook ***@ShankillandBallybrackCFR.***

School News in scan

St Anne's National School

Welcome to our very first SCAN entry of the 2025 school year.

We are currently in the process of electing our New Media Team who will take on the role of writing our entries monthly. We cannot wait to get started as we have lots of news to report. We have had a change of principal as Ms Kelly steps into her role as acting principal for this year. We have a new yard to test out and report back on. We also have some new teachers in our school.

Finally, we have some very important people who have joined us as Junior Bears, Junior Bunnies and Junior Butterflies. Keep an eye out for this in next month's SCAN.

For now let us introduce our new prefects who will look after all the younger students.

New Prefects

To be a prefect in our school you need to write a letter to our principal, Ms. Kelly, explaining why you would make a good prefect. As well as saying why you would be a good prefect, you should also be kind and respectful in the letter. For example, here is an extract from my letter:

"I am writing to apply for the position of prefect in our school. I think I would be a great candidate for prefect because I play with the kids who are sitting alone and I find them new kids to play with.

Being a prefect can be great fun, but it can also be a great responsibility. If you let your guard down for one second the junior yard can be complete chaos. Although it can be a great experience for someone who may want to be a teacher, SNA, or even a parent, it gives the sixth class that little bit of independence that can really help them later in life.

Wet day duty can also be a blast, as long as you have a good class to take care of while the teachers enjoy their lunch in peace".

SEASONAL SOUP TO BOOST IMMUNITY

Autumn is well upon us here in Shankill and our crispy fresh summer salads can be replaced with warming and nutritious autumn and winter soups. Nature provides the nutrients our bodies need with each season so if something is growing naturally locally to you it contains nutrients that are important for your health and wellbeing in that season. So at this time of year think of lovely sweet warming comfort eating root vegetables such as carrots, parsnips, turnips/ swede turnip, squash, beetroot, potatoes *(sweet potatoes are in season but not native to Ireland – still healthy!)* as well as leeks, onions, cabbages and late season tomatoes.

RECIPE: ***4 large carrots, 1 average butternut squash, 2 red peppers, 4 average tomatoes and (optional) 1 red onion or leek.***

To make a large batch of roasted vegetable soup, peel and chop the carrots and squash *(remove seeds)*, chop tomatoes, peppers and onion/ leek if using. Place in a large roasting tray. Coat well with a tablespoon or two of good quality olive oil and a sprinkle of freshly ground sea salt. Roast in a hot oven *(180c fan/ equivalent)* for about 45 mins or until soft. Stir every so often to prevent charring *(a little charring is unavoidable!)*

Boil a litre of water in the kettle – add the cooked veg to a large pot and add half a litre of the water to start. Blend with a stick blender adding more hot water to bring the soup to the consistency that you prefer. Add a teaspoon of bouillon powder* *(I use Dr. Coys)* or any stock powder and freshly ground black pepper to taste and allow the soup to warm through gently on the stove for 5 mins before serving. This is a large batch of soup and can be frozen in portions for other days. **(You can use any fresh veg/chicken stock you have either)*

WHAT'S SO GOOD ABOUT THIS SOUP?
Gluten free – dairy free – low carb – low cholesterol – vegan friendly – heart friendly – immune boosting – antioxidant rich – gut friendly – high fibre – source of pre-biotics *(leek/ onion)* – source of B vitamins especially folate – source of magnesium, calcium & potassium – source of Vitamin K – supports prostate health *(source of lycopene)*.

Carrots & squash are rich in beta carotene *(which we convert to Vitamin A in the body – essential for the immune system, skin health and crucial for healthy vision).* Tomatoes/ red peppers provide good sources of Vitamin C for a healthy immune system. Vitamins A & C are both powerful antioxidants helping to slow damage in the body and reduce inflammation.

TIP: Vitamin C is often lost in cooking as it leaches out of vegetables into the cooking water. Methods such as roasting and steaming along with shorter cooking times can retain higher amounts of Vitamin C.

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Rathmichael National School

School reopened for the new academic year on 27th August and we welcomed all our existing families and our new students. Our return to school is always marked by our annual Parish Fete which this year took place on Saturday 6th September. A huge amount of work goes into the Fete and the whole community gets involved, both in the build up to it and on the day itself. Despite the day being overcast, there was an amazing turnout. There was something for everyone and the place was buzzing. For new parents it was a great way to meet other families and get involved from the beginning. All the children really enjoyed the games, fancy dress, face painting and the fun of the day.

Many thanks to all the volunteers for giving up their time to help with all the sorting in the week before and manning the stalls on the Fete day. Thank you also to our Sponsors and to all the local businesses (and those beyond Shankill boundaries) for giving so generously, particularly to the Raffle. Thanks to St. Anne's School for the use of its car park on the day. Many thanks to all who helped to clean up and return the school to normal.

This event involves everyone, including the Staff, PTA, Board of Management and the community - many thanks to the wider Shankill community for all the support. There are very few events which involve so many willing volunteers.

In other news, three of our past pupils Finn, Joshua and Noah were all part of the Leinster Under 18 Boys' Hockey team that recently won the Inter-Pros. Another past pupil, Yana, was a member of the Leinster Under 18 Girls' Hockey team that was second to Ulster in their Inter-Pros. A fantastic achievement for all four players.

Everyone is looking forward to the term ahead and all the events to come.

Naomi Rousseau *(Principal)*

Update from...

Cormac Devlin TD

I hope you are all keeping well. The Dáil resumed in September, and we are progressing a busy legislative programme in addition to preparing for the Budget and the Presidential election at the end of October.

There have been some clouds on the horizon but the recent deal on tariffs and continued strong performance of the economy leaves Ireland well placed as we prepare for Budget 2026.

I have raised the need for the budget to deliver another **decent tax package for workers, an increase to the State Pension and support for families and carers to deal with continued cost-of-living pressures.**

It is also important that increased funding is allocated to housing, health, education, public transport and childcare. As always, if you have any feedback, please get in contact.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION
I nominated Jim Gavin to contest the Presidency because he embodies calm, competent public service.

A former senior officer in Óglaigh na hÉireann, he served in the Air Corps and on UN peacekeeping missions. As Dublin manager he built high-performing teams with humility, delivering unprecedented success, no drama, all delivery. More recently he chaired the Citizens' Assembly on Dublin and has helped drive regeneration through the North East Inner City Initiative.

Across uniform, sport, and civic leadership, Jim has shown judgment, empathy, and steadiness. He is a unifier with a proven record, exactly the kind of President who will represent Ireland with dignity and purpose, both at home and abroad.

Cormac Devlin TD at Dún Laoghaire Training Centre

NEW GARDAÍ DEPLOYED TO DÚN LAOGHAIRE DIVISION
I recently met with senior Garda management in Dún Laoghaire to underline **the need for increased Garda visibility in our area** and to tackle criminal and anti-social behaviour.

2025 has seen the largest Garda College intake since 2019, with 370 new recruits so far. This investment will strengthen community safety. Our local Garda division has secured additional Gardaí, and I will press for more officers for Blackrock, Dún Laoghaire, and particularly Shankill to match our growing population.

The Minister for Justice Jim O'Callaghan continues to progress reforms to strengthen the international protection (asylum) process. The number of applications has fallen significantly. He will continue improving the system so it is fair, firm, and fit for purpose.

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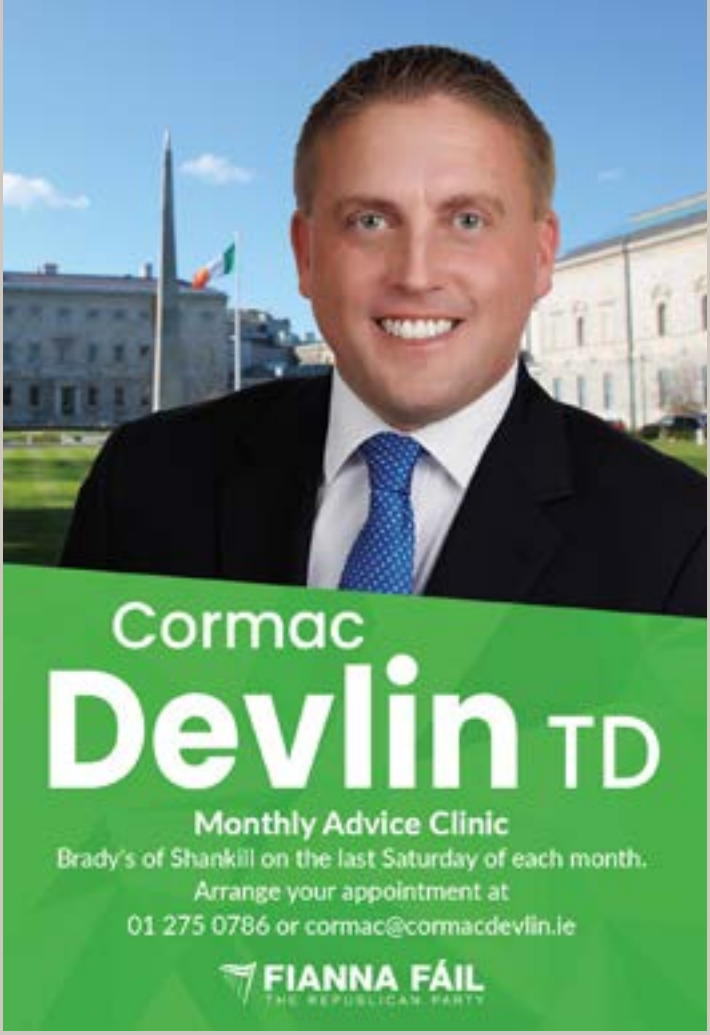

DISABILITY RIGHTS: A WHOLE-OF-GOVERNMENT PUSH
The Government has published the National Human Rights Strategy for Disabled People 2025–2030. It commits to accessible transport and buildings, better access to education and work, a new National Policy on Personal Assistance, improved early intervention and therapy services, and action on the cost of disability.
Oversight will run from Cabinet level, with detailed programme plans and regular reviews to ensure the new strategy is working.

KEEPING IN TOUCH
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Woodbrook College

Our Woodbrook College school community is buzzing with pride for 3rd year student Niamh Smith, a gifted young singer from our school who is already making waves beyond the classroom. With a voice both powerful and soulful, Niamh Beatrix, as she is known in the music world, will be one to watch…and she is already getting world recognition for her talent.

This summer, Niamh released two original songs. The first, TOO LOUD, is a heartfelt reflection on how people don't always hear what's inside your heart. The track caught a lot of attention and was highlighted in leading U.S. music and culture magazine, SPIN. It also charted on Hotdisc's Top 40 and Hotdisc British & Irish Top 10.

The second single, APPROVAL, showcased Niamh's courage to take risks, blending R&B, soul, jazz-pop, and rock into a daring new sound. The risk paid off. The single was featured in Ireland's most influential music magazine Hot Press and was recognised by the editor of the Latin American edition of the world-famous music magazine Rolling Stone Español as a track from around the world worth hearing. With such amazing achievements, Niamh's future is very promising!

Áine O' Gorman

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BATTERY WALK, RATHSALLAGH ESTATE
I received numerous representations from residents of Shankill regarding the dumped rubbish and litter along the Battery Walk in Rathsallagh. I contacted the Council regarding the dumped rubbish/ litter, cutting back of the vegetation and erection of "No Dumping" signs. I received the following replies:
REMOVAL OF DUMPED RUBBISH/LITTER – AMONG LONG GRASS – BATTERY WALK:
"This rubbish has been removed and some of the biodiversity areas cut to discourage dumping."

CUTTING BACK OF VEGETATION-BATTERY WALK:
Thank you for your representation. The local inspector has confirmed these works are to begin the first week in August."
NO DUMPING SIGNS-BATTERY WALK:
"Thank you and the Shankill residents for alerting us to the dumping of rubbish along Battery Walk. The Environmental Enforcement Wardens will erect 'No dumping' signage on the next signage run. These usually take place at weekends subject to resources. I will update you once the signs have been erected. If we can be of further assistance, please let us know."

UPDATE – LIGHTING – NEW PERMEABILITY LINK – BETWEEN WOODBROOK DART STATION AND SHANKILL
I received the following update from the Public Lighting Section in dlr regarding the lighting of the new permeability link between the new Woodbrook DART Station and Shankill:
"I have been working with the parks section for the past two months on getting lighting in place for this pathway and we hope to have it installed this year. Thank you."

LITTER BINS - SHANGANAGH CLIFFS

Question: To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the installation of the litter bins that were agreed, as part of the Shanganagh Cliffs Enhancement Works, of the Green Area/Pitches in front of Shanganagh Cliffs at the entrance from Seafield off Corbawn Lane and at the Children's Playground?

Reply: Following consultation with local user groups, residents and Councillors a landscape plan was drafted and presented to Councillors in 2023 for Shanganagh Cliffs. A request has been issued to the Cleansing Section requesting consideration of the installation of additional bins at Shanganagh Cliffs at their next bin review.

AFFORDABLE PURCHASE UNITS AT SHANGANAGH CASTLE DEVELOPMENT

Question: To ask the Chief Executive to report on the recently allocated Affordable Purchase units at Shanganagh Castle Development including the number of applicants for each category, are all units allocated and how many had a connection to the Council?

Reply: The Council received 974 applications for Phase 1 Affordable Purchase Houses at Shanganagh Castle.

The breakdown for each property type are as follows:
• Two Bedroom House- 356 applications
• Three Bedroom House- 618 applications

Of the 974 applications, 293 demonstrated that they had been resident in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown for at least 8 years.

Keys have been handed over for 37 properties from Phase 1. Equity has been paid for a further 11 properties. A further 2 properties are still currently going through the sales process. The final property is to be re-allocated following an applicant withdrawal.

The Council received 587 applications for the Phase 2 Affordable Purchase units at Shanganagh Castle Estate.

The breakdown for each property type are as follows:
• One Bedroom (1st & 2nd Floor)- 86 applications
• One Bedroom (3rd, 4th & 5th Floor)- 82 applications
• Two Bedroom (1st & 2nd Floor)- 126 applications
• Two Bedroom (3rd, 4th & 5th Floor)- 293 applications

Of the 587 applications, 198 declared that they had been resident in

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown for at least 8 years. However, checks are ongoing to confirm that all these are valid in advance of the lottery for the 30% allocation.

Provisional offers for Phase 2 have been issued to applicants under the 70% allocation.

REMAINING UNITS AT THE SHANGANAGH CASTLE DEVELOPMENT

Question: To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the remaining units at the Shanganagh Castle Development i.e. type of unit e.g. social and number of bedrooms?

Reply: There is one phase of social housing left to be delivered at Shanganagh, which includes the follow number of apartments;
• 26 no. One-beds
• 30 no. Two-beds
• Five no. Three-beds

The previous two phases are currently being allocated to tenants.

There is also one phase of Cost Rental remaining to be advertised with 111 units available. This includes the following apartments;
• 10 no. Studio
• 26 no. One-beds
• 62 no. Two-beds
• 13 no. Three-beds

The 91 Affordable Purchase units have all been advertised and applications have now closed for both phases. To date 37 have been occupied, 11 have completed sales and are awaiting keys, 3 are moving through the sales process and 40 are at the early stages of allocation.

UNITS AT COOLVALLEY, CLIFTON PARK, SHANKILL

Question: To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the units at Coolvally, Clifton Park, Shankill including when they will be completed and available to be allocated and the number of bedrooms?

Reply: The 94 apartments which have been supported for Social Housing at Coolvally are expected to become available to the Council in late Q1/early Q2 2026. The breakdown of apartments is:
• 65 x 1-bed apartments
• 29 x 2-bed apartments

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SHANGANAGH CASTLE ESTATE

Question: To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the number of units occupied and a date for when 100% occupancy will be achieved for the following unit types at Shanganagh Castle Estate, Shankill: - Social, Affordable Rental and Affordable Purchase homes.

Reply: Social Housing - 200 homes

- ***Phase 1:*** There are 35 homes in this phase
  Kiltuck House 33 tenants have moved in. We expect the final 2 homes to be occupied in the next month.
- ***Phase 2:*** There are 104 homes in this phase
  Rowan Hamilton House 5 tenants have been housed, and 10 others are expected to sign in the next week. We are processing expressions of interest from our Choice Based Letting system for the remaining units as quickly as possible.
- ***Phase 3:*** There are 61 homes in this phase
  Talbot House This phase has not yet been handed over to the Allocations Team. It is hoped that we will be able to advertise these properties on Choice Based Lettings within the next month.

AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING - 306 HOMES

- ***Phase 1:*** There are 195 homes in this phase
  The Cost Rental units at Shanganagh Castle Estate are let and managed by the LDA. Of the 195 units that were advertised in December 2024, 191 are currently occupied and the remaining 4 units will be occupied in the coming weeks.
- ***Phase 2:*** A date for the launch of this scheme, which consists of 111 units, has not yet been confirmed.

AFFORDABLE PURCHASE HOUSING – 91 HOMES

- ***Phase 1:*** There are 51 units in this phase
  37 units have been handed over to purchasers. A further 11 applicants are in the final stages of the sales process and will receive keys shortly. Three applicants are working through the sales process and will receive keys once this is complete.
- ***Phase 2:*** There are 40 units in this phase
  Applications for this phase have only recently closed and we are in the early stages of the allocation process. It will be several months before the keys are handed over for these units.

TOILET FACILITIES AT SHANGANAGH CLIFFS PARK

Question: To ask the Chief Executive when the toilet facilities will be installed at Shanganagh Cliffs Park and to indicate where these facilities will be located and the type of facility that will be provided?

Reply: Following consultation with local user groups, residents and Councillors a landscape plan was drafted and presented to Councillors in 2023 for Shanganagh Cliffs. As part of that draft plan, it was proposed that a toilet facility would be situated along the boundary wall adjacent to the pump station. The design includes a single unit with separate cubicles. The progression of this plan is contingent upon the availability of funding.

PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTIONS INFORMATION COUNTY WIDE

Question: To ask the Chief Executive the number of housing units for which planning permission has been granted in the past 12 months for developments of 3 or more units.

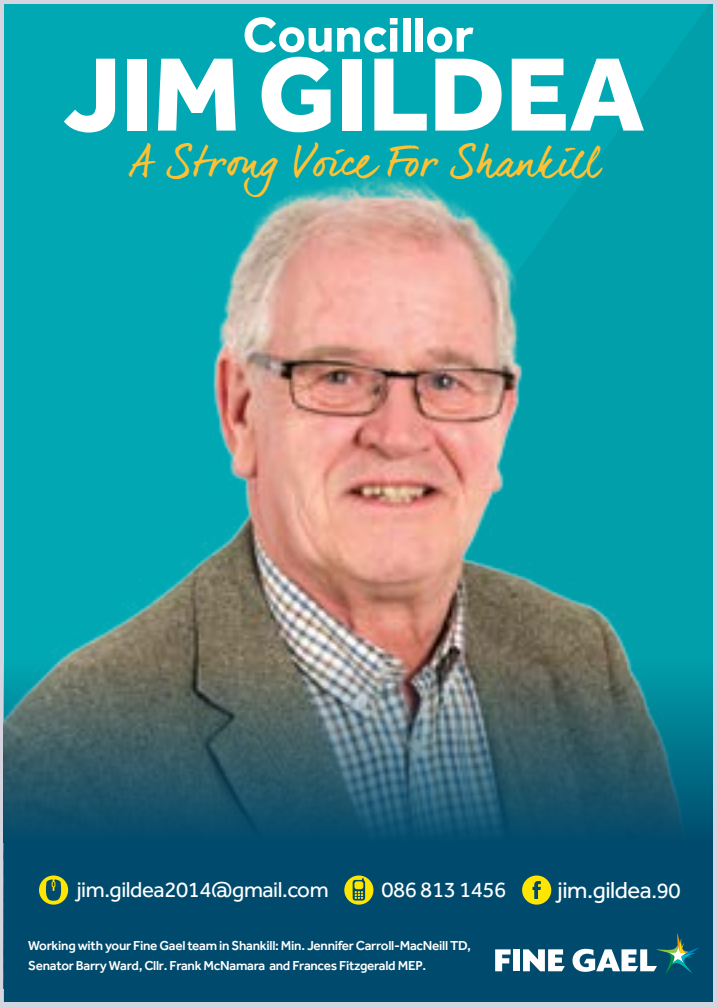
Reply: 20 applications consisting of 1,412 units in total were granted permission in the past 12 months,

Question: The number of units that have been constructed in the County in the past twelve months?

Reply: 2532 units were constructed in the County between 01/08/2024 to 26/08/2025.

Question: The number of units for which commencement notices have been received and which are under construction for developments greater than 3 units

Reply: There are 3022 units for which Commencement Notices have been lodged from 01/08/2024 to 26/08/2025.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HARCOURT STREET RAILWAY BRIDGE AT STONEBRIDGE ROAD

I am glad to report that the parapets of the bridge over the old Harcourt Street railway line on Stonebridge Road have been restored to their original condition. I have been trying to get this work done for the past year or more. Thanks to the Roads Maintenance Dept of the council for providing the finance for this project.

An opportunity to share, listen and discuss what the Climate Crisis means for each of us
SAGE was established ten years ago to focus on issues of Climate Justice. But what is Climate Justice? What is the Climate Crisis? What does all this have to do with Biodiversity? Does any of it matter to me or my children? A majority of the population is worried about Climate Change. ***EPA Climate Opinion Maps, Public Opinion Estimates 2023.*** We all have questions and most of us have very limited answers. What should we do? What can we do? If this is you, come and share your concerns, questions, ideas with like-minded searchers on Saturday, October 18th, at 2.00pm in St Anne's Resource Centre. Bring a friend and let us see if we can find ways forward to give us hope. This will be an opportunity to share, discuss and learn from one another.

The Season of Creation
The Season of Creation finishes on the feast of St. Francis, October 4th. I hope it was a good time with space to think about how well we are looking after this world on which we depend for life. I recently saw a quote by Albert Einstein, not a biologist of course, in which he said that ***"If we lose the bees, humankind will no longer exist in four years"***. The timescale may not be correct, but the observation is. For us, its importance is that it emphasises the life sustaining importance of a fully functioning environment.

It may seem unimportant if we buy too many bananas and throw some out when they have gone a little brown or leave all the lights on in our homes whether they are needed or not, but all these little things add up. And with five million of us living in Ireland, suddenly the number becomes large and makes a significant contribution to our waste of resources and energy. It all means more sea transport, truck journeys, flights and power station running times, all major users of fossil fuels. All studies show that the only way to bring the Climate Crisis under control is to stop, completely, the use of all fossil fuels. We cannot do that immediately, but we must work towards it in the shortest possible time.

Plastics Treaty
For a number of years an international group has been trying to agree to a Plastics Treaty designed to severely limit the production and use of plastics. Unfortunately, a recent meeting concluded with no agreement because the oil producing countries, for whom plastic production is an important revenue stream, refused to engage.

Obviously, this is not a simple problem to solve. We all would find it very difficult, if not impossible to imagine a world with no plastics. However, the one type of plastic we could relatively easily do without is single use plastic. Many I know dump their plastic packaging before they leave the supermarket which is a good start but what is needed is to stop its production.

Plastics completely break down in the environment only very slowly if at all, but over time they fragment into tiny particles which eventually find their way to the ocean, as do other persistent chemicals such as pesticides. In the ocean, pesticides and other toxic chemicals stick to the micro-plastic particles which in turn are mistaken for food by plankton and so they enter the food chain where over time they move up and become progressively more concentrated. It suggests that those who eat a lot of fish may be at increased risk of, probably low level toxicity, due to our failure to fully clean our waste-water to remove microplastics and our total failure to control the production and disposal of plastics.

Food Supply and Food Inflation
It is worrying to think about what we can expect for food prices over the next year or so because the heat, droughts and floods experienced by many of the farming areas of the world have been really bad for the last two years with drops in output of anything between 30% and 60%. " From extreme drought to biblical floods, more than 80% of UK farmers are worried that wild swings in weather are affecting their ability to earn a living." ***First Edition Newsletter, Climate Crisis, Guardian 26th Aug 2025.***

Electric Vehicles
A message for our "Powers that be": Learn from China. According to the New York Times in August: When China decided that moving to electric cars (EVs) was the way to gain world dominance in an upcoming technology, they built an extensive charging network. This was so that EVs, when they became available, experienced no issue of range-anxiety which is one of the major reasons for people to hold off from buying an EV, especially if charging at home is a problem. China will shortly be installing 1MW chargers which will charge a car with 400km in 5 minutes, and new batteries, at pilot stage, will be guaranteed for 1.5million kilometres. Everyone I know who has an EV is delighted with the vehicle but not with the charging infrastructure

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If you're nervous about staining, use a barrier spray before you start painting—especially with strong colours like green, blue, or red. Green is the biggest culprit, so if you're going for Elphaba from Wicked, be prepared for a faint tinge the next day no matter how careful you are.

Staining isn't really about the brand—as long as you're using reputable face paints. It's more about your skin type. Some people are just "stainy" and hang onto colour longer, especially if they have dry skin. You can minimize it by moisturising well the night before, but keep skin clean and dry on the day. Water-based face paint is designed for dry skin and will slide straight off moisturiser.

If you have sensitive skin, check the ingredient list before buying. Avoid potential irritants like limonene, lanolin, and fragrance/parfum, which can cause reactions in some people. Stick to products clearly labelled as cosmetic-grade and safe for face or body use.

DIY FOOD-SAFE FAKE BLOOD

Fake blood is quick, cheap, and easy to make at home. All the big movie studios make their own in-house, tweaking the mix until they get the colour and texture they want so you should too.

Mix golden syrup, a little water, and a little cornstarch in a stainless steel pan. Add red/green/blue food colouring in tiny amounts, bit by bit to get the right shade. You can also add cocoa powder and instant coffee to get a more realistic colour. Boil for about 3 mins to take away the stickiness. Let it cool and test it out!

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Shankill Day Care Centre is delighted to announce the launch of The Community Cup – a brand-new initiative designed to bring people together over a cup of coffee and a sweet treat.

A designated area within the centre will now be open for anyone in the community to drop by, enjoy a freshly brewed coffee, and indulge in a slice of delicious home-baked goods. It's more than just a coffee stop – it's a chance to relax, connect, and catch up with neighbours and friends in a warm and welcoming environment.

All proceeds from The Community Cup will go directly back into supporting the work of the Day Care Centre and our much-valued Meals on Wheels service. Every cup poured and every slice enjoyed will help us continue to provide vital support and services for local people.

The Community Cup will be open Monday to Friday from 8:30am to 3:00pm, giving plenty of opportunities for everyone to call in.

We're especially excited to announce that this initiative is proudly sponsored by McCabe's Coffee, ensuring that every cup served is of the highest quality.

This is a wonderful opportunity for the community to come together, support local services, and enjoy the simple pleasure of good coffee and good company.

We look forward to welcoming you to The Community Cup in Shankill Day Care Centre Lower Road, Shankill, D18 HW95.

PLANNING NOTICES

compiled by Cllr. Jim Gildea

Some notices may be outdated. Check for updates or visit County Hall, Marine Road, to view planning details.

D25B/0446/WEB Seeking Permission Date: 08/08/2025
Donnchadha and Niamh Reid, 31 Eaton Wood Avenue, Shankill, D18V6Y1
Conversion of attic to storage including changing existing hipped end roof to a Dutch hipped gable end roof, a dormer window to the rear and a velux rooflight to the front all at roof level.

D25B/0471/WEB Seeking Permission Date: 22/08/2025
Robert Conan and Sarah Conway, Graigueconna Cottage, Thornhill Road, Old Conna, A98TY43
Permission sought for (1) a new first floor and pitched roof. (2) a new front porch. (3) a new covered outdoor space to the side of the existing house. (4) Associated alterations to all elevations including the provision of external wall insulation. (5) a new wastewater treatment system with sand polishing filter.

D25A/0673/WEB Seeking Permission Date: 29/08/2025
Visdon Ltd., Site at Love Lane (also known as Blind Lane), Upper Dargle Road, Bray, Co. Dublin
The development will comprise a Residential Development of 44 units ranging in height up to 3 storeys and comprising 26 houses (13 X 2-bed and 13 X 3-bed), 8 X 1-bed maisonettes, and 10 X duplex apartments (5 X 1-bed, 4 X 2-bed and 1 X 3-bed). The development will include the provision of open spaces, car parking, cycle parking, bin stores, ESB substation, vehicular/pedestrian accesses. All associated site works, services provision, landscaping and boundary treatments.

D25A/0691 Seeking Permission Date: 05/09/2025
Mr Yong Feng Gao, Brookwood House, Falls Road, Shankill, D18X991
Seeking permission for a new single storey extension consisting of a family flat unit to side of existing house, and all associated ancillary site works.

PLANNING DECISIONS

D25A/0533/WEB Request Additional Information Date: 27/08/2025
Auro Naes Ltd T/A Roesavin Construction Ltd, Shanganagh Cottage, Dublin Road, Shankill, D18E0W9
Permission sought for the demolition of an existing house and garage and the erection of three detached buildings containing a total of ten houses. Eight of these dwellings contained within two three-storey buildings, each accommodating four terraced dwellings providing between two and three bedrooms, as well as kitchen / bathroom / dining / living and storage space. A third building containing a pair of semi-detached two storey houses providing two bedrooms and kitchen / bathroom / dining / living accommodation. The development includes the closure of an existing vehicular entrance to the site and the creation of separate access and egress points (which would be linked by an internal one-way driveway), the provision of communal open areas for outdoor recreational purposes, along with individual gardens containing external structures for storage / cycles, 8 car parking bays and one disabled driver parking space, communal cycle parking facilities for a total of 10 bicycles and one cargo bicycle space. The application includes connections to public mains water supply and sewerage systems along with all site works including landscaping, a rainwater harvesting system and the creation of a pedestrian gateway between the site and an area of public open space behind this land.

D25A/0542/WEB Grant Permission Date: 29/08/2025
John Maybury, The Poplars, Quinn's Road, Shankill, D18P6P0
The development will consist of amendments to the permitted residential development on the site (D25A/0004) as follows: The removal of 2 X 3 storey 3 bed townhouse Type 01 units (T01-01 and T01-02) and their replacement with 2 X 2 storey 2 bed townhouse Type 01A units and all associated site works and the provision of services above and below ground associated with the amendments to the parent permission (D25A/0004) on an overall site of c.0.43ha (Net developable site area of 0.40ha excluding biodiversity zone).

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